



**Environmental Quality Advisory Board
7447 E. Indian School Rd., Ste. 105
Scottsdale, AZ
Wednesday, June 16, 2004
5:15 p.m.**

1) Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Basinger at 5:30 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum

2) Roll Call and Approval of 5/19/04 meeting minutes

Members Present: Dan Basinger, Chair
Don Manthe, Vice Chair
Michele Cohen
Ron Hand
Randy Nussbaum
Brian Munson (5:40 pm)

Members Absent: Jay Spector

City Staff Present: Larry Person
Chuck Skidmore
Anthony Floyd
Dave Mansfield
Beth Miller

On motion made by Vice Chair Manthe and seconded by Board Member Cohen, the minutes for the 5/19/04 meeting were approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Old Business

City Parks Recycling

Chair Basinger advised the Board that Board Member Spector had

discussed this issue with Steve Owens, ADEQ, and that he would update the Board on any developments at the next meeting.

4) New Business

State Trust Lands Reform Recommendation

Mr. Person referred to the material attached to the Board Members packets regarding this agenda item. He reviewed the provisions of the reform recommendation and asked for the Board to consider giving Chair Basinger authority to sign a letter to Mayor and Council supporting the reform package and encouraging a Special Session of the State Legislature for discussion of this matter.

Board Member Nussbaum moved to authorize Chair Basinger to officially endorse, on behalf of the EQAB, the act pending before the Arizona State Legislature. Board Member Cohen seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Vice Chair Manthe expressed discomfort endorsing the reform without additional information. The Board Members discussed the reform and possible implications of its passage. Chair Basinger called for the vote.

The motion passed by a vote of four (4) to two (2), with Vice Chair Manthe and Board Member Hand noting “Nay”, and Board Members Cohen, Munson, Nussbaum, and Chair Basinger voting in favor of the motion.

5) Standing Committee Reports

- Water Committee

Vice Chair Manthe noted that he and Board Member Munson had a productive meeting with Mr. Mansfield in which concerns were outlined and a better understanding of the direction to be taken by the subcommittee were reached. Vice Chair Manthe distributed a mission statement for Board Member review.

Board Member Munson added that the discussion concluded that the focus of the subcommittee should be to look at the entire scope of water issues as they relate to the quality of life in Scottsdale, and not just conservation.

Mr. Mansfield called attention to a newspaper article in the Arizona Republic relating to water issues. He reviewed the direction the city is

taking with regard to water conservation. He asked the Board for assistance in getting the message of water quality issues out to the public. Board Member Cohen stated the importance of addressing water quality issues from a broad perspective rather than focusing exclusively on conservation.

Chair Basinger pointed out a template for an application and set of guidelines for the proposed water advisory committee, and asked for Board Member feedback. Vice Chair Manthe stated that he and Board Member Munson would review the documents and report on their progress at the next meeting.

Mr. Floyd announced that General Dynamics is planning to employ the LEED rating system for improvements to their buildings. He added that they also plan massive water conservation efforts including replacing grass on their properties to xeriscape. Mr. Mansfield applauded their efforts and indicated he would be interested in a dialogue with them.

- Green Building Report

Mr. Floyd reported on the last Green Building Committee meeting and noted that Mr. Skidmore had provided a status report on city facilities. He stated that plans for the next Expo were ongoing and that the Committee was interested in bringing the Expo back to Scottsdale in the near future. Mr. Floyd added that the Museum of Contemporary Art had expressed an interest in participating in some of the Expo events. He also noted that the Museum had offered to provide the meeting space for the Green Building Lecture Series beginning in the fall.

Mr. Floyd noted that the Remodeling Guidelines were scheduled for completion by the end of the month. Chair Basinger explained that reappointment of the Green Building Committee members would take place at the next meeting.

Mr. Floyd discussed the Commercial Check List and noted that a draft of the Check List would be presented to the green building community at a USGBC meeting. He explained that the goal was to provide a more prescriptive based alternative to LEED and to address the issues in the context of a desert environment.

Board Member Cohen inquired as to the status of the city policy for LEED. Mr. Floyd replied that efforts to encourage buy in from other city departments was ongoing. He stressed the importance of a synergy among city staff in promoting the policy.

- Energy Committee Task Force.

Board Member Cohen advised the Board that she and Mr. Skidmore had been discussing the composition of the committee, noting that they felt it was important to recruit individuals from all areas, including the utilities and the State. Mr. Person suggested a meeting with Steve Olsen for his input as far as recruitment of committee members.

Chair Basinger referred again to the template documents for applications and guidelines for formation of the new committees. He noted the importance of adhering to open meeting laws as these committees evolve.

Vice Chair Manthe moved to accept the templates provided by Chair Basinger entitled Environmental Quality Advisory Board Standing Committee Guidelines and Application. Board Member Munson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6) Updates and Reminders

- The next Meeting is Scheduled for 7/21/04

7) Adjournment

Being duly moved and seconded, the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Swanberg